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## DECISION DOCUMENT

### ROUND 14 - Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act

The Secretary of the Interior hereby approves the estimated expenditures from the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act (SNPLMA) Special Account and other authorizations outlined below, with the provisos as stated.

1. The total expenditure authorized from the SNPLMA Special Account for Round 14 is \$8,731,949, including estimated expenditures of:

FINAL RECOMMENDATION	
Expenditure Category	Total Recommended Funding
Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas	\$1,383,805
Capital Improvements	\$ 475,916
Conservation Initiatives	\$1,608,376
Environmentally Sensitive Land Acquisitions	\$ 381,350
Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Wildfire Prevention	\$1,646,902
Eastern Nevada Landscape Restoration Project	\$1,262,450
Multi-species Habitat Conservation Plan	\$ 473,150
<b>Category Totals</b>	<b>\$7,231,949</b>
Special Account Reserve	\$1,500,000
<b>Total Round 14 Budget Recommendation</b>	<b>\$8,731,949</b>

Attachment A lists the approved projects to be funded through these authorized expenditures.

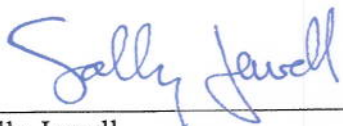
- a. All project funds not expended to complete the projects will be returned to the Special Account to be used for future rounds, the Special Account Reserve, and other authorized purposes. No reallocation of excess funds to previously approved projects is authorized.
  - b. Authorization for expenditures for projects submitted in Round 14 as set forth in this Decision Document will not be construed as a final approval for any particular expenditure. The amounts authorized herein are not approved for expenditure unless and until all requisite procedures are followed as outlined in this document and in the *SNPLMA Implementation Agreement*.
  - c. The “anticipated cost” for land acquisitions reflects the owner’s asking price plus estimated costs for other allowable expenses such as appraisals and case management, but does not reflect the actual value of any property or the actual price to be paid for any property. The actual purchase price will be based on the federally appraised fair market value. Acquisitions by the United States of land and interest in land using funds from the SNPLMA Special Account will be made in all cases from willing sellers, and will comply with the land acquisition authorities of the acquiring agency, as well as with the guidance for such acquisitions established by the Department of Justice. Final purchase of any property, including final determination of the purchase price, will depend upon successful completion of the acquisition process under these authorities, as well as the *SNPLMA Implementation Agreement*.
  - d. For Federal projects, no amount authorized herein will be considered to be an amount approved for expenditure until a notice of availability of funding has been issued and a work plan has been submitted by the proponent and accepted by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The work plan will set forth a schedule of milestones with associated expenditures.
  - e. For non-Federal projects, no amount authorized herein will be considered to be an amount approved for expenditure until all of the following have been met:
    - 1) A notice of availability of funding has been issued.
    - 2) A cooperative agreement or grant between the recipient entity and the BLM or other Federal agency has been fully executed.
    - 3) A work plan has been submitted by the proponent and accepted by the BLM or other Federal agency. The work plan must set forth a schedule of milestones with associated expenditures.
    - 4) The starting point for an identified deliverable and its associated funding start date has been reached.
2. The establishment of a reserve within the Special Account in the amount of \$1.5 million is authorized for expenditure during Round 14 at the discretion of the Executive Committee toward allowable expenditures under the SNPLMA and in accordance with the *SNPLMA*



*Implementation Agreement*, where special circumstances warrant. Special Account Reserve (SAR) funds are authorized to address unexpected shortfalls between estimated and actual costs for approved projects, respond to safety issues that pose an imminent threat and require immediate remediation, and respond to unique opportunities or unanticipated circumstances that require immediate action. All expenditures from the SAR will be undertaken in compliance with established procedures and internal controls as well as all applicable laws, regulations, and policies. The SAR authorized by this decision will be available during Round 14 only. Round 14 ends when the Secretary approves Round 15. Funds in the SAR that are not obligated or allocated during Round 14 will be returned to the Special Account for allocation in future rounds.

3. It is expected that approved projects will be implemented in accordance with the project purpose and deliverables stated in the nomination and within the timeframe specified in the project nomination, with appropriate time allocated for project startup and closeout as agreed upon in the work plan approved by the BLM. Time extension requests should be considered exceptions to the expected practice of timely implementation of projects and therefore limited in number and scope.

APPROVED:

  
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Attachment:

Attachment A – SNPLMA Round 14 Final Recommendations (2 pp)

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-263, as amended)**  
**Round 14 Final Recommendation**

Subgroup Ranking	Project Name	Requesting Entity	Amount Recommended
<b>Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas</b>			
3	Kiel Ranch Historic Park Phase III	City of North Las Vegas	\$499,000
4	White Pine County Fairgrounds Renovation	White Pine County	\$388,405
5	Goodsprings Trail	Clark County	\$496,400
<b>Parks, Trails, and Natural Areas Total</b>			<b>\$1,383,805</b>
<b>Capital Improvements</b>			
2	Hoover Dam - Replace Decaying Timber Bridge	BOR	\$277,391
4	Timber Creek Campground Improvements	USDA FS	\$198,525
<b>Capital Improvements Total</b>			<b>\$475,916</b>
<b>Conservation Initiatives</b>			
1	Recovery and Restoration of Bonneville Cutthroat Trout in the Snake Creek Watershed within Great Basin National Park	NPS	\$403,436
2	Spring Mountains Butterfly Life History and Autecology Studies: Phase 3 Habitat Restoration and Enhancement [Science Project]	USDA FS	\$318,940
3	Riparian Habitat Restoration for Southwestern Willow Flycatchers and Conservation Priority Bird Species in Southern Nevada	FWS	\$486,000
4	Environmentally Responsible Closure of Abandoned Mine Safety Hazards	BLM	\$400,000
<b>Conservation Initiatives Total</b>			<b>\$1,608,376</b>
<b>Environmentally Sensitive Land Acquisitions</b>			
1	Eagle Mine Property	NPS	\$381,350
<b>Environmentally Sensitive Land Acquisition Total</b>			<b>\$381,350</b>
<b>Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Wildfire Prevention</b>			
1	Incline Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Healthy Forest Restoration	USDA FS	\$400,000
2	South Shore Community Wildfire Protection Plan Implementation	California Tahoe Conservancy	\$70,069
3	North Shore Community Wildfire Protection Plan Implementation	California Tahoe Conservancy	\$105,933
4	Little Valley Fuels Reduction and Ecosystem Enhancement Project	USDA FS	\$400,000
5	Upper Haines Canyon Fuels Reduction Project	Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District	\$237,400
6	Deer Creek Hazardous Fuels Treatment	USDA FS	\$433,500
<b>Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Wildfire Prevention Total</b>			<b>\$1,646,902</b>

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Subgroup Ranking	Project Name	Requesting Entity	Amount Recommended
<b>Eastern Nevada Landscape Restoration Project</b>			
1	Ward Mountain Implementation, Phase 1	USDA FS	\$429,800
2	South Stepiet Valley Sagebrush Habitat Restoration	BLM	\$588,000
3	Strawberry Creek Fuels Reduction and Sagebrush Steppe/Aspen Restoration	NPS	\$244,650
<b>Eastern Nevada Landscape Restoration Project Total</b>			<b>\$1,262,450</b>
<b>Multi-species Habitat Conservation Plan</b>			
1	Desert Tortoise Population Augmentation Monitoring	Clark County	\$384,500
2	Riparian Restoration on the Muddy River	Clark County	\$88,650
<b>Multi-species Habitat Conservation Plan Total</b>			<b>\$473,150</b>
<b>All Categories Total</b>			<b>\$7,231,949</b>
<b>Special Account Reserve</b>			<b>\$1,500,000</b>
<b>Round 14 Total Budget</b>			<b>\$8,731,949</b>